

August 23, 2016

Water Policy Interim Committee

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Sincerely,

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3050 Paradise Valley Road
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COMMITTEE 2015-16

August 29, 2016

Exhibit 15

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LCwp07 would provide clarity and restore the combined appropriation of exempt wells to a policy that worked very effectively for approximately 20 years. It would also provide a significant level of certainty to all users of water in Montana, while continuing to protect senior water users through the prior appropriation doctrine.

In contrast, the limitations of LCwp20 provides significant additional expense for development of stock and domestic water for many in Montana.

As a rancher in Northern Montana, historically, most of my ground water development has occurred very close to the homestead, as that is where the utility infrastructure is readily available. LCwp20 will require spreading the development out; however, the water will still come from the same aquifer. The only change is the increased cost of my development.

Please act to restore sensible water development by acting in support of LCwp07.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I am asking for your support for this bill as it is imperative to protect the private property rights of all Montanans for the following reasons.

Exempt wells make up a very small portion of the water diverted in MT (0.5%) and an even smaller percentage of the water consumed annually statewide. Over one-third of Montanans, mostly in rural areas, depend on exempt wells for their domestic, business, stock and even lawn and garden irrigation water. The idea that "big development" is using exempt wells is simply wrong!

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LCwp07 puts into law a definition that has worked well for over 20 years. Let's put it back on the books!

Janae Donoghue Moore
Broker/Realtor

Brian Nicodemus

Aug 26 (3 days ago)

I strongly support bill LCWP07. I believe it is vital for the future of Montana property owners and their ability to subdivide their properties! Except wells are fine just the way they are. 35 Gal a minute and 10 acre feet a year!!

Thank you

Brian Nicodemus

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Aug 27, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

Dear Sir's,

Exempt wells are the lifeblood of Montana.

As a local land owner and a Realtor, I am asking you to Support LCwp07
and Oppose with all vigor LCwp20

Do not destroy our way of life in Montana by changing exempt wells, 1/3
of Montanans get their water from their wells. Do the right thing and
support LCwp07

Sincerely

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Mr. Robert Pauley
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Aug 27, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

Dear Sir's,

Add my name to those strongly in favor of MAR's position on the proposed water bill.

Sincerely,

Mr Robert Crouch

Glendive, MT

Aug 26, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

As a Realtor, I am challenged often with matching buyers to property, or marketing a property to potential buyers. Just this week, I had a seller who is looking for a replacement property. She has grown up on acreage and wanted just 1/2 acre to 1 acre with a small house to move to after selling her 2.5 acre parcel and house she has lived on for 20 years. I explained to her that it is hard to find this at an affordable price as the process of subdividing off a small piece like this is cost prohibitive now and so it rarely is available for sale either. She refuses to live in a subdivision and is considering leaving the area she has grown up in now. I hear this more and more, some people just do not want to live in a subdivision on a small lot, too close to neighbors. I have also heard from a previous California resident that this philosophy ruined California in his opinion-creating so many small lots destroys the beauty of the area, brings in too many people and the infrastructure suffers and cannot keep up.

Over one-third of Montana's rely on exempt wells for domestic, business, and stock water. Exempt wells account for less the 0.5% of water used in Montana each year. Exempt wells are an integral part of the Montana Water Use Act.

Sincerely, Courtney King
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Aug 26, 2016

Dear REALTORS

We need to continue with the current water policy to meet today's needs. There is no need for more agencies (state) to add to the permitting process.

Sincerely,

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Best Regards,

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Aug 26, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

Exempt wells are necessary for property owners in montana

Sincerely,

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Aug 26, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

Please leave the current status of exempt wells intact. It has served Montanans fine for many years and I would hate to see more regulations piled on top of property owners. The permitting process for non-exempt wells is a very long and tedious process and could add a lot of time and money to the process of water right approval, thereby making it more difficult and expensive for property owners to begin the building process. There is enough difficulty with permitting, etc. already and it can further inhibit the affordability of property development and usage. The water rights for exempt wells are still subordinate to more senior water users. And exempt wells account for such a small percentage of total water users in the state. Please do not heap more regulations on Montanans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

I am a REALTOR in Bozeman and as a Montana native have been selling Montana real estate for almost 25 years. I love our state and I love the opportunity to share housing options with everyone - from first time home buyers to seniors looking to downsize into a one level patio home. More commonly than not, each of these home buyers struggles to find the style or price of home they need in our existing neighborhoods. Fortunately, they are able to find a necessary and perfect match in one of our small, new subdivisions. Without the option of new affordable subdivisions, due to exempt wells, these homeowners might be homeless or stuck in homes they no longer can physically reside in.

All Montanans benefit from Exempt wells. They are an integral part of the Montana Water Use Act and do not harm senior water rights.

Do NOT change state code which would negatively impact first time home buyers, families and seniors, not to mention Montana's entire housing & economic industry!

Sincerely,

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Aug 28, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

As a Realtor who works both with sellers and buyers of rural property including subdivisions it is very important to assure they will have water available to them. I fully support and stand with the Montana Association of Realtors position:

Montana Association of REALTORS supports and opposes certain provisions of this policy:

The Montana Association of REALTORS supports section 7 of the Water Policy (LCwp07) which would codify the definition of 'combined appropriation' that has worked well for over 20 years but opposes section 20 (LCwp20) which would put current law into state code making it difficult to administer and putting too much discretion into a state agency.

Bottom line: We want to make sure when it comes to water use, developments continue to have access in the way that makes the most sense for their use.

Sincerely,

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Comment Submission: Support LCwp07 & Oppose LCwp20

1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 4:12 PM

Aug 25, 2016

Montana REALTORS
MT

Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

As a Realtor in Montana it's been my experience that options are so limited to some folks that without this precious right of access to well water our families and businesses would be greatly harmed. Small communities do not always have resources to neighboring sources and often adjoining landowners are non cooperative to assist each other if one is lacking needed resources. Please rethink limiting these wells any further as everyone should have the right to provide water to their home and their businesses in order to have the minimal peaceful enjoyment to own real estate in Montana.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Aug 25, 2016

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

This is not a big developers bill! This impacts families that want to give their children property via a family transfer. This is an affordable housing issue! Please support LC wp07. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 2:42 PM

Aug 25, 2016

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

LCwp07 will provide clarity and restore the combined appropriation of exempt wells to a policy that worked very effectively for approximately 20 years.

Opponents suggest that this policy lead to unrestricted develop, that facts prove otherwise, less than 0.5% of Montana's water is used by exempt wells. Research of DNRC records also show that during 2008-2013 very few calls, less than 30, were made by senior water rights holders on exempt wells. Approximately .0002% of exempt wells.

Please act to restore sensible development by acting in support of LCwp07.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 4:12 PM

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Aug 25, 2016

Montana REALTORS
MT

Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

I have sold residential properties in and around Great Falls since 2002. When it comes to water, I've been involved with many different types of situations; Rural Water Systems, individual well, cisterns, irrigating directly from the River, and a few others.

Even when we're in a drought, the current system has seemed to work, since exempt wells are assigned a priority date & seniority wins.

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I believe, when it comes to water use, developments should continue to have access in the way that makes the most sense for their use & the extra expense of permitting is wasteful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Martin
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Aug 28, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

The amount of water that is used by the public from wells is so small in comparison to the amount of water available. This water issue is out of portion when you consider the damage that is being done with the regulations.

The ability to provide "work force housing" when we continue to have the regulations like this one is what works against the uses of the people who are needing to have housing. In order to have the housing for an expanding economy needs to keep the regulations to a minimum so we can remain positive in getting housing for the workers in our state.

I support LCwp07 not LCwp20. Let's be positive about helping the citizens of Montana and continue to provide the necessary housing.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of
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Please pay attention to the people of Montana.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Christ
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Aug 26, 2016

Dear REALTORS,

I am active member of our City/County Planning Board here in Yellowstone County. We have seen and reviewed many subdivisions over time and most are not more than 20-30 lots in County. We have a few larger ones that are serviced by Public Utilities. The exempt wells are essential for these smaller subdivisions to provide water to its residences. The exempt well's do not exact that much water, less than 0.5% of water used in the State of Montana. High impact uses fall under a more stringent permitting process but smaller uses such as exempt wells do not justify the time and expense for a full blown permitting process. The smaller users should not be subject to such stringent administrative and permitting rules. I would urge those on the Water Policy Committee to carefully review and take into consideration the smaller users and support Section 7 of the Water Policy. The impact of these smaller users is very small. Lets avoid putting into State law anything that will make it difficult to administer and put too much discretion into the hands of a State Agency. As a resident and Public Servant of the Planning Committee in Yellowstone County I would ask that you seriously consider the option of supporting section 7 of the Water Policy. Please don't make it imperative for more administrative rules and passing the discretion along to a State Agency. Do not support LCwp20--Too restrictive.
Thank You! Dennis L. Cook

Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Cook

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1 message

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Dear REALTORS,

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This really can impact home ownership if not handled correctly. There is nothing more precious than adequate clean water for all human beings.

Sincerely,

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Amy Jo Fisher <afisher@montanarealtors.org>

Exempt wells

1 message

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Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 11:28 AM

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1 message

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Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 12:43 PM

Aug 26, 2016

Montana REALTORS
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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Dear Lawmakers,

I understand the need to protect our state and the clean water we enjoy. However, LCwp20 is an overreaction to the impact exempt wells have on our state. Please keep in mind property owner rights, the impact housing has on our economy and the broad brush reaction to water right issues on the state of Montana.

Respectfully,

Dianne Click

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Aug 26, 2016

Montana REALTORS
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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Exempt wells are important for development in Montana.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 8:48 AM

Aug 26, 2016

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Sincerely,

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I support the section 7 of the Water policy LCwp07 but I oppose the section 20 LCwp20. Sometimes state agencies are not feet on the ground. It is a very important subject and needs Realtor feedback as we are with the people one on one.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of
LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Support LCwp07 and Oppose LCwp07 as a property owner

Sincerely,

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Amy Jo Fisher <afisher@montanarealtors.org>

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1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 9:12 PM

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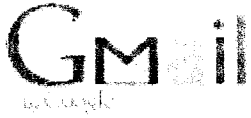
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Typically a subdivision in the state of Montana has fewer than 50 lots while over one-third of Montana's rely on exempt wells for domestic, business and stock water. Please note that exempt wells account for less than .5percent of water used each year in Montana. While high impact users probably should be required to go through the permitting process, the impact of smaller uses do not justify the expense and time for the full permitting process.

Huntley Holland, Esq, Realtor
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
Montana

Sincerely,

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1 message

Charles Schlegel <mtmar@montanarealtors.org>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 6:12 PM

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To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

I urge you to support LCWP07 and oppose LCwp20. Keep the wells as State law and not as State code.

Thank you for your consideration,
Charles Schlegel REALTOR

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Please vote in support of LCwp07 as it is a system that has been in place and worked well for over 20 years.
Please vote against LCwp20 to keep this law out of the code book which would make it much more difficult to administer.

Sincerely,

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I hope this passes as proposed as it fine as is. thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 12:41 PM

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As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

The housing industry provides good jobs in the construction and maintenance of the homes and the occupants bring children into the schools and money into the communities and to local businesses. Over regulation has already added incredible expense to home construction making more and more difficult for new homes to be built. We need new construction to renew our aging homes. Anything to impede this hurts all Montanans. Please support LCwp07 & Oppose LCwp20.

Sincerely,

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Amy Jo Fisher <afisher@montanarealtors.org>

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To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 11:11 AM

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

This exempt well program must be made legal again.

Sincerely,

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1 message

Geoff Oriet <mtmar@montanarealtors.org>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 11:11 AM

Reply-To: Geoff Oriet <royalpointgm@msn.com>

To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Please help us with this vital issue to save the new rural housing industry in Montana.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Please do not allow an independent agency to use their discretion in administering the water use. Sensible regulations prevent abuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

When one considers that the greatest per cent of water used from a well returns back to the source then one realizes that to limit well drilling for private use seems unnecessary. If the issue is to regulate, slow down or stop development there are other ways to do that.

Maybe educating well users about methods of water conservation will better serve all who might be affected by the current proposal to limit water rights.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Please do not make it more expensive for a Montana family to live in this State. Often ideas that seem to be well thought out and best for one component have ramifications that affect those that can least afford to be affected.

Small subdivisions are the heart of the problem with increased regulations for obtaining water. The State is not now and will never experience the explosive growth that the new regulations are intended to control.

Moderation in costly regulations is called for here. Good luck, and keep Montanans' ability to live and raise their family here at the forefront of the decision process.

Thank you,

Ed Coffman
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406-370-5009
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Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Coffman
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1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 10:41 AM

Reply-To: Kade Embry <kade@coldwellbanker.com>

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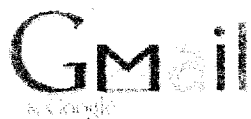
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The science seems to back up the facts that exempt wells do not effect senior water rights. Here in Gallatin Valley we are experiencing crazy growth again, in Bozeman, the valley and MSU. We have little housing availability, which is really bringing housing prices up. If we don't have exempt wells there will be an even bigger shortage of homes available to purchase and make it very difficult for young professionals, teachers, policeman, fireman and first time home buyers to be able to afford to live here. County subdivision growth has come to a standstill because private municipalities cannot drill wells for future expansion. You can look at RAE Water and Sewer as an example. There are 4 subdivisions hooked into their services and two of those subdivisions are looking to expand and cannot because RAE cannot drill any more wells at this time. These are 4 of the more affordable subdivisions just outside of Bozeman. Please support LCwp07 and oppose LCwp20.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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(406) 580-0622
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1 message

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

I support section 7 of the Water Policy (LCwp07) which would codify the definition of 'combined appropriation' that has worked well for over 20 years but opposes section 20 (LCwp20) which would put current law into state code making it difficult to administer and putting too much discretion into a state agency.

Sincerely,

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Dean Petty <mtmar@montanarealtors.org>

Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 10:41 AM

Reply-To: Dean Petty <mountainlands@aol.com>

To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

As a realtor and as one who owns a business that helps location potential sites for new water wells, I strongly oppose any changes to current exempt well permitting. Currently Montana law allows for those with senior water rights to call those wells that indeed effect their rights. To assume that any new well would effect senior water rights is not warranted by the science. Exempt wells are an integral part of rural living in Montana and in agricultural production. It is a policy that has worked well and changes are only being proposed because of fears about potential conflicts, again not based on any science that shows the current policy has done any harm to senior water rights or to our water supply.

Combined appropriation as used and defined for the last 20 years has worked fine and changing that at this point is not warranted. Furthermore, I oppose section 20 (LCwp20) which would put the current law int state code because it will only complicate its administration.

Please record me as supporting the goal of keeping exempt wells as they have been defined for the last 20 years, and as supporting the definition of combined appropriation as practiced for the last 20 years. Any changes need to come from legislative action and not by courts or a state agency negotiating settlements with the courts.

Sincerely,

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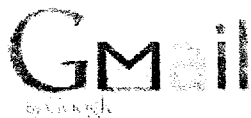
Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

My 20 years in the real estate and over 50 years in the ranching business indicates that the impact is minimal for wells of domestic use or for stock. We don't need regulation on this issue which has no impact on senior water users. We need our economy to grow and regulating wells is just one step backward.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

The hurdles that accompany the average land owner, and their ability to enjoy and develop their land are already becoming cumbersome. Making access to something as vital as water only, pushes the Montana dream that much further from the grasp of the citizens. As complication and cost for simple and limited uses goes up, individuals will be forced retract into large subdivisions, where costs and engineering work can be shared.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zac Andrews
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To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Adding more regulations to the exempt well process will only add more cost to the process. I am no water expert, but it seems to me that the same amount of water will be used whether the water comes out of one pipe of a community water system, or several pipes of exempt wells. We keep hearing affordable housing is one of our highest priorities, so why add additional regulation to the cost of development which will add to the cost of development, and reduce the supply, which too will drive up the cost.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Please support the ability of Montanans to continue to use individual wells for domestic use. This is critical to continued economic development in our state. Thanks, Greg

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

It's important to make sure that water access and use is whatever is best for the subdivision/development and it's not impeded by the state

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of
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I support Section 7, and OPPOSE Section 20 !!

Sincerely,

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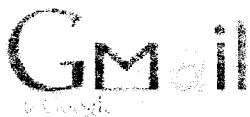
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Support LCwp07 & Oppose LCwp20

Sincerely,

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Robert Kwapy <mtmar@montanarealtors.org>

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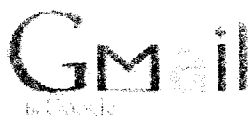
My experience in getting a 25 lot development approved has been very negative, as respects the permitting process. The DEH which controls water and septic permits has been erratic in requirements and non responsive to developers and the needs of home buyers. DEH showed no concern for the impact on developers of changing DEH requirements, without regard for how far along the process might be. When questioned, the personnel blow smoke and call it reasons for the changes. The added expense for changing a design originally considered acceptable is "a cost of business and can be passed on to the homeowner".

My concern is that the more control given to these agencies, the more abuse we will experience.

If LCwp20 is approved, be assured that affordability of homes will be negatively impacted and the bureaucracy will grow.

Sincerely,

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PO Box 370
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Sally Hickey <mtmar@montanarealtors.org>

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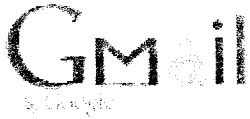
Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Exempt wells are only a small part of the total water use in the state but they play a vital role for individual home owners. These exempt wells only account for less than the 0.5% of water use each year. Keeping exempt wells has not harmed senior water right users even as there have been new subdivisions. Typical subdivisions in the State have 50 lots or less, many below 20 lots. The cost of building a new home in Montana is already at an all time high. New regulation will only add to the burden.

Sincerely,

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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Please listen to those of us with critical knowledge about how this could affect the health of our state and the people occupying it.

Sincerely,

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Comment Submission: Support LCwp07 & Oppose LCwp20

1 message

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Thu, Aug 25, 2016 at 11:41 AM

Reply-To: Luci Edwards <info@buymenowrealtymt.com>

To: Montana REALTORS <AFisher@montanarealtors.org>

Aug 25, 2016

Montana REALTORS
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Dear REALTORS,

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

Montana Association of REALTORS supports and opposes certain provisions of this policy:

The Montana Association of REALTORS supports section 7 of the Water Policy (LCwp07) which would codify the definition of "combined appropriation" that has worked well for over 20 years but opposes section 20 (LCwp20) which would put current law into state code making it difficult to administer and putting too much discretion into a state agency.

Bottom line: We want to make sure when it comes to water use, developments continue to have access in the way that makes the most sense for their use.

Thank you for your help on this important legislative matter.

Sincerely,

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As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of LCwp07 and opposition of LCwp20.

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Sincerely,

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I support LCwp07 and believe it works best for Montana residents. I Oppose LCwp20 which only creates more unnecessary layers of government involvement in processes that are best determined directly by the parties involved.

Sincerely,
Heidi Pfeil

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Please join me in SUPPORTING LCwp07 and OPPOSING LCwp20. Let MONTANA
remain MONTANA and guard our water rights.

Sincerely,

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Thank you!

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Dear [Decision Maker],

As a REALTOR, I would like to submit my comment below in support of
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Sincerely,

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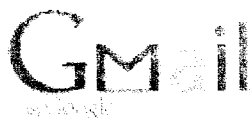
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This policy will affect home values and agricultural use in a negative way

Sincerely,

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Water Policy Interim Committee

I am writing in support of LCwp07.

LCwp07 would provide clarity and restore the combined appropriation of exempt wells to a policy that worked very effectively for approximately 20 years.

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Sincerely,

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In contrast, the limitations of LCwp20 provides significant additional expense for development of stock and domestic water for many in Montana.

As a rancher in Northern Montana, historically, most of my ground water development has occurred very close to the homestead, as that is where the utility infrastructure is readily available. LCwp20 will require spreading the development out; however, the water will still come from the same aquifer. The only change is the increased cost of my development.

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